

factorily spent by a City Council than by the most perfect of Ministers of the Interior, aided by the most assiduous and most clever of Road Supervisors. And if it were not, the people of Honolulu would have no one to blame but themselves, which would no doubt be a comfort to them when things went wrong, as they will do now and then in the best regulated cities.

We commend this matter to the attention of the Government, and especially to that of the Minister of the Interior, who has a great deal more to do than is good for the peace of mind of any one man. At the same time we especially commend it to the attention of the taxpayers of Honolulu, whom it most especially concerns, and who may reasonably expect that attention will be paid to their wishes if they will but take the trouble to express them—emphatically and in a constitutional way.

THE eloquent address of Chief-Justice Judd, ex-President of the Y. M. C. A., and the able report of Mr. Lowrey, the recording Secretary of the institution for the past year, and presented at the annual meeting held on Thursday evening last contain many points of interest to the whole community of these Islands. The Honolulu branch of the Y. M. C. A. was formed in 1869, since which time it has increased in numbers and gained influence.

To-day is the anniversary of the last annual meeting of the Society which was held in the Vestry of the Bethel Church, and Monday next will be the anniversary of the dedication of the handsome building they now occupy, and rightly call their own. In referring to this notable event the Secretary says, "The evening of April 21st was one long to be remembered by the members and their friends who assembled in large numbers to witness the dedication of this building, the exercises in connection with which were exceedingly enjoyable." Mr. Lowrey furnishes a concise summary of the work done during the past twelve months, and makes special reference to the bookkeeping class started by Mr. P. C. Jones, Jr.; instruction given in the Hawaiian language of Chief-Justice Judd, and the lessons in free-hand drawing by Mr. Furneaux. With the exception of a few intervals caused by the temporary absence of the preceptors, on professional engagements, these several classes have been held regularly, and have been of benefit to many students, to whom they have offered the only possible opportunities of obtaining instructions in these different branches of education. The enthusiasm of the instructors is closely associated with their love for the welfare of their pupils and their thorough appreciation of the work in which they have been, and continue to be individually engaged.

It is not surprising that the Rev. J. A. Cruzan, the indefatigable pastor of Fort Street Church, should find the work of conducting Sunday afternoon services at the Y. M. C. A. Hall too severe for him in connection with his multifarious duties, and the prayer meetings which have been substituted are found to possess an attraction for that class which the Society particularly desires to reach.

Another noticeable and pleasing feature in the Secretary's report is the valuable assistance rendered to the young men by the young ladies. In referring to the receipts and disbursements of the Building Committee, which, in the final report, showed a balance of \$265 57, on the credit side, the Secretary is pleased to state, "these receipts were materially increased by the proceeds of a fair held in this room by the ladies, to whose efforts we are indebted for the sum of about \$750."

The ex-President's address is unusually lengthy, but at the same time extremely interesting, and we commend the perusal of every line of it to everyone who had not the pleasure of hearing it delivered on Thursday night. It is one of those happy addresses that can be read again and again with increasing interest to the reader. During the Presidency of Chief-Justice Judd, the good work of the association has visibly increased, and what has been done by him and his brother officers will be gratefully remembered by the many who have shared in its benefits. We have already stated above that the building is the property of the Association, and as an authority for this statement we quote

from the Judge's address. He says, "One year has passed and we find ourselves with this handsome and convenient edifice completed and well furnished, without debt, and it is becoming that we now ask the question whether we have made the expected progress in the line of our avowed principles."

It has often been said that it is an anomaly to call this institution the "Young" Men's Christian Association because so many elderly gentlemen are on its roll, and furthermore, take an active part in its work. President Judd alludes to this apparent irregularity, and very aptly explains that it is not grey hairs that separate a man from youth. To quote his own words he says: "The work of this institution should be done, too, by young men, and hence, the word 'young' does not refer to the number of years that has rolled over the head of the individual, for if the heart is young and vigorous the man possessing it is the young man for our purposes." He advocates classes of instruction to be held every evening (except Wednesdays) for instruction in all the rudiments of education, and also points out very forcibly how much good can be effected in the way of entertainments, and briefly suggests a course that would be useful and entertaining. On the subject of temperance, he quotes an article at length from the *Nation* of March 6th, 1884, and exhorts his brethren and friends to keep this question ever near their hearts.

In the concluding part of his address, the Chief-Justice refers to the successors of himself and brother officers and says, "Under the corps of officers whose term begins to-night, I have no doubt much progress in this respect will be accomplished during the coming year." The new President and Vice-President—Mr. P. C. Jones, Jr., and Mr. J. T. Waterhouse, Jr., are too well-known in this community, to doubt but that under their direction ought but success will follow. A new year is now open for the Y. M. C. A. and the doors of their new hall are always open to those who desire to enter and share in its blessings.

THE London correspondent of the New Zealand *Herald* says that it has been proposed that the Falkland Islands should be ceded to France together with a money compensation in exchange for New Caledonia and French claims generally in the Southern Pacific. The *Herald* is of opinion that it would be far from the wishes of any Colonist of Australasia to place any difficulty in the way of the departure of their gallant allies and all their belongings from their neighborhood; and further adds "if it would be any benefit to the health of their Gallic friends to remove themselves to the bracing atmosphere of those lonely and inhospitable islands off Cape Horn, they should rejoice with joy unspeakable, it would forever remove the recidivist nightmare that sits so heavily on the public bosom, and the necessity for honest hard work would be so enforced by the terrible cold, that the laziest, idliest *chevalier d'industrie* would in the Falkland Islands, be made industrious in sober truth.

After further comment upon this novel and startling phase of the annexation question, the *Herald* asks and answers the following question: "What would be the purpose of the acquisition of those bleak islands, and what the motive that would attract the French to occupy the dreariest spot, perhaps, to be found on the face of the whole earth? Certainly, not colonising purposes: for, whatever may be the tendencies of Frenchmen, they certainly do not lie in the direction of voluntarily accepting life under such shivering conditions. The Falkland Islands with their desolate moorlands, and almost perpetual snow or rain, might afford a relief to convict life—or, at least, a change—from the tropical swamps of Cayenne; but the only conceivable reason for the acceptance of such an exchange by the French would be the commanding strategic position of the group of islands, the very reason that would peremptorily forbid their surrender by England to any other Power on earth."

The correspondent says the proposal is received with favor and has warm sympathisers in the Colonial office, but in New Zealand the opinion obtains that it merely shows how shortsighted men may become under the

impelling force of mere selfishness, and what ignorance of men and things may nestle in the minds of people who, by the accident of fortune or the caprice of fate, may be called to govern.

The *Herald* concludes its remarks in the following warm words: "A more disastrous surrender, so far as Pacific interests are concerned, could hardly be made by England; and the British Ministry that would dare to propose it, would be hurled from power in a day."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Captain of the schooner Emma, from Olowalu, brought news yesterday of the arrival of the Nettie Merrill at Lahaina on Wednesday last at midnight. The Nettie left here on the afternoon of the 8th inst., having on board some machinery for the Pioneer Mill. Owing to a continuance of strong winds from the southward, she was unable to anchor at Lahaina, so the Captain very wisely sought shelter on the other side of the island.

The Royal Hawaiian Band will play this Saturday afternoon, commencing at 4:30, in Emma Square. The following is the programme: "The Royal Review,"... Gladman. Overture—"Struggle for Fortune,"... Suppe. Finale—"Giuramento,"... Sanelli. Selection—"Don Carlos,"... Verdi. Waltz—"The Louvre,"... Waldeufel. Polka—"Black and Red,"... Coote. The usual concert on Monday evening at Emma Square.

The P.M.S.S. Zealandia did not arrive yesterday, her due date. Since the new contract has been in force, these steamers have been advertised to leave San Francisco every fourth Friday; but so far the mails have not succeeded in reaching San Francisco on that day of the week. If it cannot be accomplished during the summer months, it would be advisable on the part of the contractors to change their advertised sailing day, so that we might have a knowledge about what time the steamers will arrive.

As the Government has taken the initiative step in repairing sidewalks, it is to be hoped they will continue the work all round the town. They not only require repairing, but they need improving. Messrs. Castle & Cooke have wisely placed granite blocks in front of their store. In the long run granite sidewalks are the best and cheapest. A hole about four inches deep and about nine feet in circumference can always be found when it rains close to a millinery store on Fort Street. A few blocks of granite might be placed there with an everlasting benefit to the public.

Mr. Wiseman advertises a pleasant home for sale, situated at the corner of Beretania and Kuanmoku streets, in a lot measuring 100 ft. x 300 ft., and running back to Young street. These desirable premises will be sold on easy terms, as the owner is about to leave the Kingdom. Mr. Bradley, the owner, or Mr. Wiseman, General Business Agent, will be glad to furnish further information on this subject.

The case of Wm. Brown vs. the Koloa Sugar Co. occupied the Supreme Court the whole of yesterday. It will be continued to-day at 10 A.M., taking precedence of divorce cases. It was heard before a mixed jury, the plaintiff being a native Hawaiian. Mr. S. B. Dole appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. W. O. Smith and L. Thurston for defendants.

The Koloa Sugar Co. and the Koolau Plantation, if there is such an organization as the last named, are situated widely apart. The former conducts its business on the island of Kauai, and the representatives of the Company are at present engaged in a law-suit, but have nothing whatever to do with Koolau or the windward side of Oahu.

The acoustic properties of the Y.M.C.A. Hall are acknowledged to be very fine. It has been particularly noticed during the current week, on the occasion of the Symphony Club concert, and at the entertainment at the annual meeting.

The name of Mr. Henry Waterhouse should have appeared as a member of the Room and Decorative Committee for the library fair, instead of J. T. Waterhouse, Jr., as printed in our issue of Wednesday morning. The mistake was made by the gentleman who furnished us with the names.

Mr. Cruzan's Sunday morning discourse will be upon "Judging Others." The evening subject will be "Mysteries,"—a talk with those who say: "You ask us to accept mysteries, and to believe what we cannot understand! It is absurd!"

Tawhiao, the Maori King, before leaving New Zealand for England, is reported to have taken two precautions. He signed the pledge and was vaccinated, and it is the hope of his friends that both will "take."

The Gospel Temperance Meeting will be held this evening in the Bethel vestry at the usual hour. Mr. Fraser has kindly consented to lead the meeting.

A piece of rice land at Hoaeae, Ewa, will be sold by Messrs. Lyons & Levey at their salesroom, on Monday next.

The Kapaa mill will finish grinding about the latter part of this week.

The "Hapuu" chowder provided at the Hotel last Thursday by manager Fassett, was unique in every respect. Apart from the excellent manner in which the fish was served up, the excellence of the viands in general was acknowledged on all sides. In addition to the table d'hôte upstairs, Mr. Dexter had numerous patrons below, and when the hour came to break up the happy gathering, it was a consolation to learn that the unassuming modesty and voracious appetites of his friends had left nothing to be re-hashed. Such liberality and good cooking will soon regain for the Hotel the public patronage that it had in former years, and of which it is again deserving. The following was the

BILL OF FARE.

SOUP.	
Mulligatawny.	Boullion.
"Hapuu" Chowder.	
FISH.	
Baked "Hapuu" à la Maitre d'Hôtel.	
BOILED.	
Leg of Mutton.	Caper Sauce.
Corned Pork and Cabbage.	
ROAST.	
Ribs of Beef.	Loin of Mutton.
Leg of Mutton.	Chickens.
ENTREES.	
Veal Cutlets aux Champignons.	
Escalloped Oysters.	
Lamb Curry and Rice.	
French Pan-cakes, with Jelly.	
VEGETABLES.	
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes.	
Boiled Rice.	Green Peas.
Carrots.	Asparagus.
Sweet Potatoes.	
COLD DISHES.	
Roast Beef.	Mutton.
Pressed Corned Beef.	Boiled Ham.
PASTRY.	
French Cream.	Pumpkin Pies.
English Plum Pudding.	
Hard and Brandy Sauce.	
DESSERT.	
California Walnuts.	Filberts.
Almonds.	
Bananas and Raisins.	
VANILLA ICE CREAM.	

The Supreme Court was occupied the whole of Thursday in hearing the case of the Oriental Bell Telephone Company vs. E. P. Adams. The counsel for the defendant commenced to address the jury at 1 P.M., and the judge's charge closed at 4 P.M. The jury, after one hour's deliberation, returned a verdict as follows: 2½ per cent. on \$2,000 equal to \$500, extra services rendered by Mr. E. P. Adams during 1882 and 1883, \$1,000. Total, \$1,500, less \$500 allowed by the telephone Company for services rendered during the trial of 1883. By this verdict Mr. E. P. Adams will be compelled to refund to the Oriental Bell Telephone Co. the sum of \$1,500 which he held as part of the assets realized on the sale of the Company's shares to Mr. Campbell. The verdict carried costs in favor of plaintiffs.

At a banquet given last month in Auckland in honor of the S. S. Ruapehu, the first of the New Zealand Shipping Company's direct line of steamers to England, when Mr. Gamble, the agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company was called upon to respond to a toast he was not to be found. A facetious wag present suggested that he was so overcome by the superior splendor of the Ruapehu to that of the mail boats, that he had pulled his hat over his eyes, buttoned up his coat, and gone home in a cab. But Mr. Griffin, who might on that occasion have adopted the Duke's motto, "*Ich bin hier*," stepped into the breach, and made one of those neat and happy speeches which he so well knows how to do.

The New Zealand *Herald* states that "great dissatisfaction is felt with the working of the new Frisco mail contract. The mails are always late and the time is already beaten by the direct steamers. This month's (March) mail is three days late. It is understood that the Sydney Government are still more dissatisfied, and that any permanent renewal of the contract after the expiration of the present tentative period is very improbable so far as New South Wales is concerned, and it is not thought likely the New Zealand Parliament would sanction the colony of New Zealand undertaking such a thing alone, especially now, as so many alternative routes are available, notably by direct steamers.

It will be seen by a notice under the head of "By Authority" issued from the Foreign Office that Mr. C. Alee and Mr. Goo Kim having presented their credentials from His Excellency Cheng Tso Ju, Chinese Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, have been appointed Commercial Agent and Assistant Commercial Agent respectively for the Empire of China within this Kingdom. Both of these gentlemen are well known in this city and are highly respected by foreigners as well as by their own countrymen.

The concert given last Thursday evening by the Mokae Club at Waikiki Church was a great success. The juveniles who form this musical club displayed their vocal talents to great advantage, and proved themselves thoroughly worthy of the patronage they received. J.H. Princess Lilinokalani took an active part in the entertainment, and is deserving of the thanks of the audience who patronised the entertainment. The church was prettily decorated, and the gathering was an enjoyable one in every sense.

THE LIBRARY FAIR.—The time fixed for the fair to be held for the benefit of the Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association is rapidly approaching, and it is hoped that all the friends of this Institution will give it their hearty support. It has been repeatedly said that as the Library has been created to meet a public want, and is open to all classes, the promoters of the Fair have made it a point to appeal to all persons and all classes of this community, and they still expect that everyone who cares for good books and good reading, will help to make a success of it. Gifts of all natures for this Fair are now solicited, and the promoters of the Fair hereby make an earnest appeal to the public generally, that not only those who have kindly promised to prepare articles, but those whom the Committee have failed to meet, will, as early as convenient, before the end of this month, send in their donations to Mrs. J. S. McGrew, Hotel street. Articles of any kind suited for the fancy tables, and also gifts of books and music for the Library will be most thankfully received. The Organizing Committee also take this occasion of acknowledging the gifts and encouragement received from generous friends on the other Islands.

The precise day of opening the Fair, and the programmes of the entertainments which will take place on this occasion, will be subsequently published.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning, while a fisherman was engaged following his vocation off Diamond Head, he hooked something large. He steadily hauled to the surface and to his surprise he found he had a monster fish. Being all alone he had a difficult task before him to haul it into his canoe, but by perseverance aided by a wonderful display of strength, he accomplished his object. He then "pulled for the shore" and on reaching the beach he hailed some other fishermen to assist him in carrying away his prize. This monster fish measured 6 ft. 8 in. in length, and weighed 362 lbs. It was shortly afterwards placed on exhibition and for sale in the fish market. Two hundred and forty pounds of it were bought at once for the Hawaiian Hotel and on Thursday evening were served up in grand style.

Kauai and Wahineaukai are still detained at the Police Station. It is the intention of the Deputy-Marshal to further charge them with larceny which they committed in various places when at large on Saturday and Sunday last. The ball and chain that was attached to Kauai's right ankle when he took French leave, was brought to the Police Stat on yesterday by a native named Punai, who reports having found it on a hill at the back of Punchbowl. The pants which he now wears have been identified by the owner of them. Mr. Dayton only awaits a thorough development of the charges he has to prefer, after which Kauai will appear before His Honor once more. A new anklet has been designed for his special use, which he will find a little more difficult to get rid of than the former one.

A detailed list of exports from San Francisco for the month of February is given in the San Francisco *Journal of Commerce* of 20th of March from which we learn that the exports to the Islands are valued at \$231,127, being \$6,392 in excess of the total exports to China for the same period, and second only to the exports to England, which amount to \$350,452 76—or \$119,325 in excess of what was shipped to the Islands.

We have been requested to state that "Mazeppa," the white horse sold by Messrs. Lyons & Levey on Monday last was purchased by Mr. J. Baker and not Barker; also the first name of the Chinaman that purchased a bay horse was Ten and not Len. Rather a strange coincidence (?) that both of these errors appeared in a daily and weekly contemporary.

The organizing committee of the Grand Fair for the Honolulu Library Association have appointed the following gentlemen to act as a Room and Decoration Committee, viz., Messrs. J. B. Strong, S. B. Dole, W.W. Hall, C. M. Cooke, Dr. C. T. Rodgers and J. T. Waterhouse, Jr. The Fair will probably commence on Thursday, May 8th.

The steamer Austral formerly of the Orient line and now of the Liverpool and New York service, of the Anchor line, made a trial trip on the Clyde on 22d March and attained a speed of seventeen knots per hour.

Mr. N. Sherman and Mr. John Sherman, proprietors of the circus that recently performed here, will be surprised to learn that they have been taken for brothers, by one who "knows all about it." A four line item in the *Gazette* reveals the fact.

His Excellency Governor Dominis went up to Maui on Tuesday per S. S. Kinau, on official business. During his temporary absence the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn will act as Governor of the Island of Oahu.

No news whatever was received of the schooner Julia, by the mail steamer from the Colonies.

Minister Gulick's new house on King street is approaching towards completion; and judging from present appearances it will be a very ornamental villa.

A dividend of \$3 per share is payable to-day to shareholders of stock in E. O. Hall & Sons (Limited).